

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

#### ***Specification***

The Applicant has amended the abstract as required by the Examiner. The abstract is now in narrative form and less than 150 words.

The Applicant has amended pages 1- 2, 40, and 45 to replace docket numbers with corresponding US Application numbers. No new matter has been introduced.

The Applicant has not identified any errors in the specification.

#### ***Double Patenting***

The Applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer in respect of co-pending application no. 10/815,646.

Applicant believes that the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is thus overcome.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

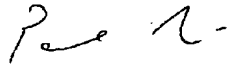
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